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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

David Butler, Esquire  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: **Consolidated Docket Nos.: 2017-207-E; 2017-305-E; and 2017-370-E**  
Use of Depositions As Prefiled Testimony

Dear Mr. Butler:

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") submits this response to South Carolina Electric & Gas Company's objection to the use of depositions as prefiled testimony.

S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-3-140(D) simply requires testimony to be reduced to writing in advance of any hearing. No statute, regulation, or Commission practice requires prefiled testimony to be in question and answer format. Commission regulations state that direct testimony can be statements of fact or expressions of opinion. S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-842(C) (2012).

By prefiling the depositions, ORS has provided SCE&G with the witnesses' written statements in advance of the hearing in compliance with statute and the Commission's regulation.

Additionally, ORS sought permission from the Commission to take depositions.<sup>1</sup> See also, SCRCF Rule 32.

Sincerely,

Nanette S. Edwards

cc: All Parties of Record (via E-mail)

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